

# Massive Monuments

In 1914 the state of New York erected this granite monument to honor its troops who died in Andersonville prison. Large monuments were a fashion of the time, built on a scale that would symbolize the prisoners' enormous sacrifice.

There are twelve monuments in this cemetery and eleven at the nearby prison site. Each has a unique design. Because so little remains of the historic prison, the monuments form a prominent part of the Andersonville landscape.



*“Theirs was not the glory of death on the firing line. Penned in by the dead line, wasted by disease, far from home and loved ones, they were mercifully mustered out, leaving as a heritage to the nation the memory of a devotion as limitless as eternity itself.”*

Address by Gov. A. T. Bliss at the dedication of the Michigan Monument, Andersonville, May 30, 1904



Dedication of the New York monument on April 29, 1914. The Women's Relief Corps acquired the prison site in 1896, erected the pavilion at Providence Spring, and encouraged states to build memorials.